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E. O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: UNTSO
SUBJECT: DOD " TERMS OF REFERENCE" FOR UNTSO

1. REQUEST TELEGRAPHIC REPLY TO GREENE- DAY LETTER OF JUNE
1. DOD ANXIOUS ESTABLISH " TERMS OF REFERENCE" FOR UNTSO AND AWAITS DEPT COMMENTS AND CLEARANCE WHICH WE ARE WITH-HOLDING IN ORDER TO INCLUDE YOUR VIEWS.

2. DEPT INTENDS PRESS DOD TO WRITE UNCLASSIFIED TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH WOULD BE LIMITED TO DESCRIPTION OF UN DUTIES AND US CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR ADMINISTRATIVE, LOGISTIC, AND PERSONNEL MATTERS NOT NOW PROVIDED FOR BY UN. TERMS OF REFERENCE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT IN DEPT' S VIEW MAKE ANY REFERENCE TO ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AMERICAN UNTSO PERSONNEL AND US DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ABROAD, WITH SOLE EXCEPTION OF REFERENCE TO SAS PROCEDURE. TERMS OF REFERENCE SHOULD IN DEPT VIEW BE MADE AVAILABLE TO CHIEF OF STAFF UNTSO IN ORDER AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING.

3. MAJOR CHANGES TO WHICH WE INVITE YOUR REACTION FOLLOW:

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PARA 2 - REPLACE EXISTING PARA WITH " THE PRIMARY MISSION OF USMOG IS TO REPRESENT THE US IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE US MILITARY PARTICIPATION IN UNTSO AND TO ASSIST THE CHIEF OF STAFF, UNTSO IN THE EXERCISE OF THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED TO UNTSO.

DELETION OF PARA 3(D).

DELETION OF WORD " TELECOMMUNICATIONS" FROM 3 E.

DELETION OF LAST TWO SENTENCES, PARA 3 G.

PARA 3 H: DELETION OF " DIRECT" AND " FOREIGN".

PARA 4 A: ONLY FIRST SENTENCE REMAINS. SECOND SENTENCE AND SUBSECTIONS 1-5 WOULD BE OMITTED ALTOGETHER OR RELEGATED TO ANNEX.

PARA 4 C: CHANGE TO 4 B; LAST SENTENCE TO READ, " US MILITARY OBSERVERS SHOULD APPRECIATE THAT THE INTENT OF THE UNDER-TAKING IS TO PROTECT THE INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF AND ACCESS ENJOYED BY UNTSO TO CERTAIN AREAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES.

PARA 4 B: CHANGE TO 4 C; SHORTEN TO READ " US MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO UNTSO WILL PRESERVE THE LEGITIMACY OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL CIVIL- MILITARY STATUS.

PARA 4 E: OMIT. ROGERS

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